

Hello everyone,

Happy Week 1!

IMPORTANT - Townhall Meeting for UGs:

Join us for our department's first town hall meeting of the year this Friday, January 10th in MM 220A at 11:00AM.

We highly encourage you to come with any questions during the 2-hour block regarding the recent announcement of our department's undergraduate music degree programs.

NEW – Creating UG Music Dep't Council

We're thrilled to announce the creation of a new Undergraduate Music Department Council! This is your chance to get involved and help shape the future of our music community. Join us at the town hall meeting to learn more and share your ideas. We can't wait to see you there!

Where to find future quarter course offerings for the current year:

As a reminder, to assist you with course planning, a list of the current year's course offerings is always available through the Handbook for Music Majors, which is linked from the department website (under the "Current Students" menu). Here are the 2 direct links:

Handbook for Music Majors:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eX-DurgMVZt_eCHhW3_Gvlylu5JLsHsLoGJI6VD6s_I/edit?tab=t.0

Course offerings for 2024-25:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jBK_KIQ3sehKfg6Z27Fx67olzNUURH5NSSpJLS3g2i4/edit?tab=t.0

About upper-div Writing courses this year:

Each year, the department offers at least two upper-div Writing courses. As noted on the course list linked above, this year those are Prof. Norfleet's 145W in winter and Prof. Hammel's 142W in spring. Students who need to meet this requirement this year and cannot take Prof. Norfleet's winter course due to the time conflict with MUS 176 Chamber Music should plan to take Prof. Hammel's class in spring.

Financial Aid and Scholarships for Winter 2025:

For those who are receiving financial aid and/or scholarships, you ought to have received the disbursement to your Zot account back in November or December. If you are or plan to enroll in instrumental or voice lessons, please be sure to set aside \$500 to pay for Course Material Fees (AKA "Lab Fees"). This will reflect on your Zotbill no later than the 3rd week of each quarter. It is necessary to set the funds aside because Financial Aid and Lab Fees are separate systems (they

are not connected). In other words, you will receive financial aid first and then be assessed the lab fee no later than 3 weeks into the new quarter. What has happened to students in the past who were unaware of this is that they inadvertently used the lab fee funds they were given to pay for something else, and then needed to borrow more money in order to pay the lab fee once it appeared in their Zotbill.

AITR Room Reservations:

Sign-up sheets for the AITR practice rooms have been available on the 3rd floor of Music and Media. Sign-ups will close on **Monday, January 13th by 5:00 PM.**

UCI Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Policy:

Please do not smoke or vape in the department facilities or classrooms as it is in violation of UCI policy. Please refer to this link for further information on policy: <https://www.ehs.uci.edu/smoke-tobacco-free/index.php>.